

THE COUNTY.

Grand Ridge Ripples.

There was a shower in this vicinity last Saturday that did a great deal of good. Mrs. Williamson was quite sick the latter part of last week, but after a visit to Rev. William Varian, who visited at Rev. Williamson's, has returned home.

Misses Katie Bute and Minnie McMullen are visiting at Kempton.

A number of the farmers will thresh wheat this week.

Jerome Carter was at Streator Monday to get his engine which was undergoing repairs. There was a law suit before Squire Finley on Tuesday.

Geo. Poundstone made a trip to Ottawa Monday.

A. N. Porter left Tuesday for Tennessee, where he expects to locate in the practice of law.

Print made us say last week that Fannie Munster of Boyd was visiting here. It should have been Boyd of Munster.

Willie Morris was badly burned by the explosion of a sky rocket last week.

Rev. Morris expects to break up house keeping this week and take a vacation of a few months.

Rev. Sears will preach in the C. P. church next Sunday.

John Core hauled a load of ice from Ottawa Monday.

Many of the oat fields are turning rapidly. It will be but a short time before the oats in general will be ready to cut.

James Ardrey is working for Richard Poundstone.

Joe Gilleland expects to thrash his wheat this week and it is a No. 1 field.

Mr. Julia Core is visiting here.

Miss Elida Tombaugh, of Manlius, visited Mrs. John Poundstone last week, and this week is visiting Mrs. Ostrander.

Thursday evening of this week the ladies of the Presbyterian church gave an ice cream and berry festival at Burlington Heights.

Although Sunday last was a very hot day the Sunday school convention was well attended at all sessions, showing an interest in the good work. We cannot give an outline of the discussions on the several topics on account of space. After the subject was opened up by the principle speaker, short speeches were made by those in the audience, thus bringing out new points, making the topics very interesting. This being the case upon all subjects it showed that the people were there for work and to get some new ideas if possible. Those from a distance who spoke were: U. S. Elsworth, Deer Park; topic, "How can we enlist the clergy in more active service in the Sunday schools?" Mr. Baldwin of same township: topic, "A normal drill on the blackboard." Rev. Gregg of Ottawa: topic, "What are the most essential qualifications of a successful primary class teacher?" Rev. Lines, of South Ottawa, was unable to be with us and his topic was taken up by home talent. "What is the work and responsibility of superintendents?" The different topics discussed by home workers were: "What is the prime object of the township convention?" Rev. Williamson. "Which is the best hour of the day for holding Sunday school and why?" C. E. Antrom. The use and abuse of special days in the Sabbath school. The evening addresses were given by Rev. Lord and Rev. Williamson. Music interspersed the different parts of the programme throughout the day. It was a first class convention and especially for a warm day. Much credit is due the president, Andy Wauchope, for his zealous work in making arrangements and presiding over same.

Albert W. Woodward was born October 11, 1871. Died June 25, 1890, aged 18 years, 8 months and 12 days. The deceased was the son of George and Agnes Woodward, of this vicinity. For several years he was the subject of much bodily ailment, first losing the sight of one eye, the loss of a leg, which was amputated above the knee, and since the latter part of last winter, until death called him to his final resting place, suffered a lingering spinal affliction, which gradually sucked the life blood from the frail body and removed from earthy suffering an idolized son and cherished brother. When about twelve years of age Bert made profession of religion and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and lived a consistent Christian life. Born and raised here his life history is known to those living in this locality. His friends were many and true, having a wide acquaintance. Last September he entered Lincoln University at Lincoln, Ill., intending to take a full course, but his health failing he was removed home at a time heretofore stated. The parents spared no pains in medical attendance, at sundry times having him treated in Chicago, but all to no purpose. His constitution was not stimulated but for short periods of time. The parents have lost a dutiful and obedient son, whose place at the family fireside and altar will be sorely missed. The vacant chair will be set aside as a memento of the past, but since an all-wise Providence called him to His bosom, and ended earthly pain and sorrow, may the bereaved friends submit in doleful silence to this great sorrow. It is a consolation, however, that although his cheerful voice is heard no longer, those sweet smiles have vanished from our view, his gentle and abiding manner during his long affliction told a tale of humbleness and submission words cannot express. The kind confiding spirit was passed from blossoming youth to the summerland of glory, and with sincere faith we can truly say, "Not dead, but gone before." The pursuit of lines of sympathy that we might pen, the consoling words of neighbors and friends of the family are wholly inadequate to dispel the gloom the shadows of darkness have enshrouded around the present, but may the future be brightened by the presence of an Omnipotent Father, which is a higher source of consolation than earthly friendship, in Whom alone can be found peaceful rest.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled
The boon His love has given;
And though the body moulders here,
The soul is safe in Heaven.

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THAT WESTINGHOUSE LIGHT.

A Challenge for a Test of Comparative Merits to be Made by Distinguished Citizens.

OTTAWA, July 17, 1890.
Mr. Editor of the FREE TRADER:
I am interested only as other citizens of this city are in seeing the best electric light in the city of Ottawa.

I saw Mr. Fred E. Allen, the representative of the Westinghouse company, in the city to-day. To see him, and to recall the zeal displayed by some of our aldermen in trying to force upon us this *experiment*, prompts me to say that I will challenge him.

Mr. Fred E. Allen, or any of his admirers or ardent supporters to this experiment.

First, To prove, or show, that any of the lamps of the new Westinghouse alternating are outside of the factory, when running at standard speed, will bear a photometrical test and show up 2,000-candle power.

Second, To show, or prove, that these lights are of equal brilliancy from any point of view; that they cast their rays equally in all directions; that they will bear a spherical test applied at all points with the same results.

Third, To deny that the lights of this system blow out during a high wind or storm, especially if a globe be broken.

Fourth, To deny that this same Westinghouse system, which they would now introduce here, was laid on the shelf, thrown out, discarded, displaced, supplanted, or whatever you please, in the city of Nashville, Tenn.

For the purpose of giving the citizens of Ottawa, who are interested in having a first-class light, an opportunity of comparing the Westinghouse system with other systems, and of ascertaining the merits of the different lights, I hereby make the following offer, in addition to the above challenge, to Mr. Fred E. Allen:

Let a committee of thirteen representative citizens from this city be selected, to be composed of such men as these: Andrew Lynch, E. Y. Griggs, Geo. Beatty, John Holroyd, A. F. Schoch, James Briggs, Henry Gondolf, J. H. Wilmer, Wright, Adams, T. D. Catlin, E. F. Lincoln, W. J. Graham, John F. Reed, or any other representative citizens of Ottawa, not interested in any system; to visit one or more of the various cities where the Westinghouse system is in operation; to make a thorough examination of this system, and at the same time compare it with the others there in operation, and to report at a public meeting to be held at the court house, and called by the mayor of the city.

In case said committee reports that the Westinghouse new alternating are light is superior or equal to the Brush, Thomson-Houston or Excelsior—standard, well-known lights—the undersigned will pay all expenses attendant upon the organization and trip of said committee. But in case said committee reports that this light is not equal in all respects to the Brush, Thomson-Houston or Excelsior, then Mr. Fred E. Allen, his company or its champions, to pay the expenses of said committee.

If this offer should be accepted, I will deposit with the editor of this paper the sum of \$500, or whatever amount may be necessary, to defray the expenses; said sum, or as much of it as may be necessary, to be paid by the editor of the FREE TRADER to the committee upon their return, in case the report be favorable to the Westinghouse.

Yours respectfully,
A. BLACK SMITH.

The above signature is an "anonymous," of course; but the writer stands ready to make good his challenge with the money named should it be accepted, in which case the name of the writer can be learned at this office.

Should he fail on demand to make good his challenge, on proper demand, that fact will be publicly stated by this paper. The FREE TRADER has no possible interest in any company seeking to put in a plant in city, except so far as any citizen has in getting